



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 8, 2016

VIA U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

Dear Governor Haley:

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The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Office of the Governor
500 East Capitol Street
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

Dear Governor Daugaard:

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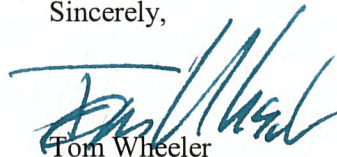
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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Office of the Governor
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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The Honorable Michael R. Pence
101 W Ohio Street, Suite 1180
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

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The Honorable Robert Bentley
Office of the Governor
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

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The Honorable Phil Bryant
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

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The Honorable Pete Ricketts
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 94848
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

Dear Governor Ricketts:

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The Honorable Paul R. LePage
Office of the Governor
#1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

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Dear Governor LePage:

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The Honorable Jack Dalrymple
Office of the Governor
Dept. 101
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

Re: GN Docket 13-111: In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities

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Office of the Governor
Utah State Capitol
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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